

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0097] with the following amended paragraph:

It will be noted that the common inlet passage 162, shown in Figure [[6]] 7, may be used with the embodiment shown in Figures 8a-8d. Furthermore, it may be advantageous to use common inlet passage 162 in this embodiment, because the frustoconical slug that would form therein can be easier to dislodge by the valve pin 44, relative to a cylindrical slug, such as the slug 218.